



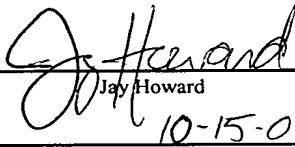
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Jeffrey S. Schepp et al.
Serial No.: 10/657,648
Filed: September 8, 2003
Group Art Unit: Unassigned
Examiner: Unassigned
Title: **NETWORK-BASED PHOTOMASK DATA
ENTRY INTERFACE AND INSTRUCTION
GENERATOR FOR MANUFACTURING
PHOTOMASKS**

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Dear Sir:

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Prior to the initial review of the application referenced above by Jeffrey S. Schepp et al. entitled "*Network-Based Photomask Data Entry Interface and Instruction Generator for Manufacturing Photomasks*", filed September 8, 2003, please amend the application as follows: